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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Siegfried Schweidler et al.  
Ser. No. : 09/936,479  
Filed : September 13, 2001  
For : METHOD FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF DATA RECEIVED  
VIA A DATA BUS, AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT  
THE METHOD  
Examiner : Zhuo H. Li  
Art Unit : 2186

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 12, 2006, having a shortened period for response that expired on September 12, 2006, which period is extended to expire on December 12, 2006, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit the following RCE and Preliminary Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Please charge the required fee for filing a response within 3 months of the shortened statutory period for response to Deposit Account 07-0832. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment is respectfully requested.

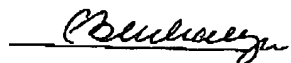
Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 2313-1450 on 12-6-06 at facsimile number (571) 273-8300.

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